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Remarks

By this Preliminary Amendment, applicants have amended the specification to recite the continuing and priority data for the above-identified application and have inserted an Abstract of the Disclosure attached hereto as **Exhibit A**. Applicants maintain that the amendments to the specification raise no issue of new matter and respectfully request that this Preliminary Amendment be entered.

In addition, applicants have inserted into the subject application a new Sequence Listing, a computer readable form of which is enclosed herewith and a paper copy of which is attached as **Exhibit 1** to the Statement attached hereto as **Exhibit B** which certifies that the enclosed computer readable form of the Sequence Listing is identical in content to the attached paper copy of the Sequence Listing and contains no new matter.

Claims 1-22 are present in the subject application as filed. By this Preliminary Amendment, applicants have cancelled claims 1-15 and 18-20 without disclaimer or prejudice and have added new claims 23-29. Accordingly, upon entry of this Preliminary Amendment, claims 16, 17, and 21-29 will be pending.

Support for claims new claims 23-26, 28, and 29 may be found in original claims 13-15 and in the specification from page 11, line 31 to page 12, line 4; on page 18, lines 30 and 31; and in Examples 1-3, i.e. page 21, line 7 to page 22, line 29.

If a telephone interview would be of assistance in advancing prosecution of the subject application, applicants' undersigned attorney invites the Examiner to telephone him at the number provided below.

No fee, other than the enclosed filing fee of \$450.00, is deemed necessary in connection with the filing of this Preliminary Amendment. If any additional fee is required, authorization is hereby given to charge the amount of any such

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fee to Deposit Account No. 03-3125.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "John P. White", is written over a horizontal line.

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